

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. An anti-prying device to limit wedging and working of a
2 prying element between a protrusion on a safe and a surface to which the safe is
3 secured, the device comprising:

4 a member extending between the protrusion and the surface to restrict
5 insertion of the prying element between the protrusion and the surface such that the
6 prying element is substantially prevented from being wedgeable and workable
7 between the protrusion and the surface to prevent uprooting the safe from its
8 anchorings.

1 2. The device of claim 1 wherein the member comprises a base
2 portion and a rod, the rod extending away from the base portion between the
3 protrusion and the surface to restrict insertion of the prying element between the
4 protrusion and the surface.

1 3. The device of claim 2 wherein the member further comprises
2 a number of apertures in the base and a number of anchors inserted through the
3 apertures to secure the base to the surface.

1 4. The device of claim 3 wherein the anchors are non-removable
2 bolts.

1 5. The device of claim 3 wherein the anchors are expandable
2 bolts which are expanded against a hole in the surface to secure the bolts therein.

1 6. The device of claim 1 wherein the protrusion is a door hinge
2 for pivotably opening a door of the safe, the member extended between the door
3 hinge and the surface to restrict insertion of the prying element between the hinge
4 and the surface without interfering with operation of the hinge.

1 7. The device of claim 1 wherein the protrusion is a door hinge
2 and the member includes a rod extending from a base co-axially with the door hinge
3 and between the door hinge and the surface.

1 8. The device of claim 6 wherein the rod is sufficiently rigid to
2 prevent being bent by a prying element relative to the axis of the door hinge.

1 9. The device of claim 6 wherein the rod is sufficiently
2 dimensioned to cover an area between a safe door opened by the door hinge and an
3 outer front portion of the door hinge to prevent a prying element from being inserted
4 between the door and the rod.

1 10. A safe system, the system comprising:
2 a safe for receiving articles for safe-keeping, the safe including a door
3 and a door hinge for pivotably opening the door for placing the articles within the
4 safe, the safe being anchored to a surface;
5 an anti-prying device to limit wedging and working of a prying
6 element between the door hinge and the surface, the device being anchored to the
7 surface and including a member positioned between the door hinge and the surface
8 to restrict insertion of the prying element between the door hinge and the surface to
9 prevent stealing of the safe by prying up the door hinge to uproot the safe from its
10 anchorings.

1 11. The system of claim 10 wherein the member comprises a base
2 portion and a rod, the rod extending away from the base portion between the door
3 hinge and the surface to restrict insertion of the prying element between the door
4 hinge and the surface.

1 12. The system of claim 10 further comprising a number of
2 apertures in the base and a number of anchors inserted through the apertures to
3 secure the base to the surface.

1 13. The device of claim 12 wherein the anchors are non-
2 removable bolts.

1 14. The device of claim 12 wherein the anchors are expandable
2 bolts which are expanded against a hole in the surface to secure the bolts therein.

1 15. The system of claim 10 wherein the member includes a rod
2 extending co-axially with the door hinge between the door hinge and the surface.

1 16. The system of claim 15 wherein the rod is sufficiently rigid
2 to prevent being bent by a prying element relative to the axis of the hinge.

1 17. The system of claim 15 wherein the rod is sufficiently
2 dimensioned to cover an area between the safe door and an outer front portion of the
3 door hinge to prevent a prying element from being inserted between the door and
4 the rod.

1 18. A method for preventing stealing of a safe caused by inserting
2 a prying element between a door hinge of the safe and a surface to which the safe
3 is anchored, wherein the inserted prying element is then wedged and worked against
4 the hinge and the surface to uproot the anchored safe such that the safe can then be
5 carried away, the method comprising:

6 providing an anti-prying device having a base and a rod extending
7 from the base;

8 aligning the anti-prying device such that the rod extends between the
9 door hinge and the surface to restrict insertion of the prying element therebetween;
10 and

11 anchoring the base to the surface once the anti-prying device is
12 aligned.

1 19. The method of claim 18 wherein aligning the anti-prying
2 element comprises co-axially aligning the rod with the door hinge.

- 1 20. The method of claim 18 further comprising anchoring the base
- 2 after anchoring the safe.